

### **REMARKS**

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2007. Claims 4-20 remain in the present application, with Claims 4-6 and 11 being in independent form. Claims 4-6, having been found in the Office Action to recite allowable subject matter, have been amended into independent form. Claim 11 has been amended to correct a minor informality. Claims 1-3 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the canceled claims in one or more continuation applications.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims pending in the application, namely Claims 4-20, are fully supported by the specification as originally filed and introduce no new subject matter, and the amended Claims 4-20 are patentable over the prior art.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 11-20 are found to be allowable and Claims 4-10 are found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amended Claims 4-6 into independent form. Accordingly, the amended Claims 4-6 are allowable. Claims 7-10, depending directly or indirectly from independent Claim 6, are thus also allowable.

### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,938,054 to Dye et al. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,475,666 to Bilbrey et al.

By the present Amendment, Applicants have voluntarily canceled Claims 1-3 without prejudice. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application, namely Claims 4-20, are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number indicated below.

If any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully Submitted,

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